

# Megson in press snub

GARY MEGSON has publicly stated his intentions to break off relations with the *Nottingham Evening Post* because he believes he was misquoted in a recent edition that ran with the headline 'MEGSON - I HAVE NO IDEA!'

The Forest boss said: "If, you know, there's, err, one thing I hate, it's being fucking misquoted and, you know, I hate it if a, erm, publication, you know, edits what I, err, say just to make better, what-do-you-call-it, copy.

"From now on, at the end of the day, I want exactly, errr, what I, errm, say to be, you know, reported, or else!"

However, a spokesman for the newspaper said: "We didn't misquote Gary. In the after-match press conference he stated very clearly that he had 'no idea' why Forest kept losing away from home and that the *Evening Post* is the 'best newspaper in the world'.

"Further more, we feel any previous criticism of that incompetent, ginger

tosser from us has been entirely justified and only appropriate for a responsible local media outlet."

One *Evening Post* reader said: "I think it's a disgrace and I've cancelled my subscription. I only ever read the headlines and look at the pictures so I got completely the wrong impression of the manager's comments, and it's all the *Post's* fault! Us readers can't be expected to actually read the *stories* in order to put headlines in context, can we?"

Gary Megson is not the first Reds manager to withdraw from the local media spotlight. During the 2004/05 season, Joe Kinnear refused to give interviews after matches because he was too busy eating.

Paul Hart's comments stopped appearing in the papers and on the radio during his tenure, but that was because they were so tediously dull that no one dared report them in case any of their readers or listeners died of boredom.

Megson is known to have a history of



this kind of snub. As a boy he refused to speak to his mum for three months after she misquoted him. "She said I'd said I would clean my room on *Monday*, when I'd clearly said I'd clean it 'one day', which is entirely different. In these situations you just have to say enough is enough," Megson explained.

## The Letters

Dear LTLF,

I wish to complain about the 'Letters' section in the last edition of *LTLF*. Just how stupid do you think we are? Names like 'Luke Holmes', 'Nick Thompson' and 'Simon Hirst' obviously aren't real! Next time, if you must make up letters yourselves to fill space, at least come up with some convincing names!

Yours,

Archibald P. Whimbleton-Smyth

Dear LTLF,

I wish to object to the insinuations contained on page 4 of your last issue that the City Ground catering is of a bad quality.

These repeated allegations are totally unfounded and we reject the suggestion that our food is bad because it has to be reheated on the day of a match. A gourmet chef lovingly prepares every single beef burger and hot dog, but this process takes a long time, so it is necessary to reheat the produce. However, we never serve food more than a month old.

Furthermore, to ensure a smooth and pleasant taste, all of the beer served in the City Ground has to be personally passed by the manager before it is

served. It takes him a long time to pass all those pints, believe me!

Yours,

Di Arrea

Head of Catering, Nottingham Forest

Dear LTLF,

I am writing on behalf of a Mr A Rogers whom my firm - Lye, Cheet and Steel (you may have seen our adverts: 'Where there's blame, there's another Mercedes for us') - represents.

It is my duty to inform you that my client is considering legal action against your publication for continually referring to him as a "fat, lazy bastard".

This is a label my client refutes as completely unjust.

In the first instance, he claims that his parents were in wedlock at the time of his birth (hard to believe for a scouser, I know), so the title of "bastard" is inaccurate.

In the second, he feels the term "fat" is unfair due to a medical condition he suffers from described as a "glandular problem", namely the big gland on the front of his face through which the majority of food enters his body. My client requests that you refrain from using the term "fat" and instead use the

phrase "slenderly-challenged", in accordance with guidelines set out in the *Collins Dictionary of Political Correctness, Fifth Edition*.

In the third, my client feels that the use of the term "lazy" when referring to himself is unwarranted, although he couldn't actually be bothered to explain why.

If you do not adhere to these demands in future issues, we will have no choice but to take you to court (on condition that we can find a courthouse near enough to my client's house and that has adequate catering facilities).

Yours,

Woody Lye

Dear LTLF,

Do you know if the club are planning to sell half-season tickets this winter? My two boys have been very badly behaved and I am struggling to come up with a suitable punishment...

Yours,

Des Pairing, parent

Dear LTLF,

Is this the matchday programme?

Yours,

A N Other-Idiot